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## **WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS PROVIDERS OF INMATE CALLING SERVICES OF THE MARCH 1, 2019 DEADLINE FOR DATA COLLECTION RESPONSES**

### **WC Docket No. 12-375**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) reminds providers of inmate calling services (ICS) that the deadline for filing their responses to the second one-time mandatory data collection associated with the *2015 ICS Order*<sup>1</sup> (Mandatory Data Collection) is March 1, 2019.

In the *2015 ICS Order*, the Commission charged the Bureau with implementing the Mandatory Data Collection to assist the Commission in monitoring the rates, fees, and practices of ICS providers.<sup>2</sup> On March 2, 2017, the Bureau released a Public Notice indicating that all ICS providers must file responses to the Mandatory Data Collection by March 1, 2019.<sup>3</sup>

As explained in the Bureau's March 2, 2017 Public Notice, the forms and instructions for the Mandatory Data Collection are available at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/ics-data-collections>.<sup>4</sup> The required information must be submitted using the Commission's Excel template,<sup>5</sup> and should be submitted in a format that is machine-readable and manipulatable. Public versions of the reports should be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS),<sup>6</sup> by accessing the ECFS at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.<sup>7</sup> Confidential data may be filed pursuant to the *Protective Order* adopted in

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<sup>1</sup> See *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 12763 (2015) (*2015 ICS Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12862-64, 12908, paras. 197-202, 308.

<sup>3</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Due Dates for Inmate Calling Services Information Collections and Consumer Disclosure Requirements*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 1522 (WCB 2017). Previously, the Commission specified that the deadline for complying with this data collection would be two years from publication of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval in the Federal Register. See *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12862, para. 198 (“[We] adopt a second, one-time Mandatory Data Collection to occur two years from publication of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection.”). Notice of OMB approval was published on March 1, 2017. See *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services: Correction*, 82 Fed. Reg. 12922 (Mar. 8, 2017), *correcting Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, 82 Fed. Reg. 12182 (Mar. 1, 2017).

<sup>4</sup> See FCC Form 2300 and accompanying Instructions.

<sup>5</sup> See Instructions (“ICS providers must file this report by March 1, 2019 and must do so by submitting the completed Excel template prepared by the Commission . . . into the Commission’s electronic comment filing system”).

<sup>6</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (May 1, 1998).

this proceeding.<sup>8</sup> Any request for confidential treatment must adhere to the standard set forth in section 0.459(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> See Instructions ("ICS providers must file this report by March 1, 2019 and must do so by submitting the completed Excel template prepared by the Commission . . . into the Commission's electronic comment filing system"); see also 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419.

<sup>8</sup> *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 16954 (WCB 2013) (*Protective Order*).

<sup>9</sup> 47 CFR § 0.459(b); see *id.* § 0.459(c) (specifying that "[c]asual requests [for confidential treatment] (including simply stamping pages 'confidential') . . . will not be considered").